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## FLOOD CONTROL DAMS, RIO GRANDE RESERVOIR CONDITIONS ON AGENDA FOR NOVEMBER 8 PUBLIC MEETING IN LAS CRUCES

The effects of this year's storms on flood control dams maintained by the Elephant Butte Irrigation District (EBID) will be discussed at the next meeting of the Rio Grande Citizens' Forum of the United States Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission (USIBWC). The meeting will take place November 8, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at the Best Western Mesilla Valley Inn, Pinta Conference Room, 901 Avenida de Mesilla, Las Cruces, NM.

Henry Magallanez, EBID District Engineer, will give a presentation about the 27 dams that EBID maintains in the area extending from Percha Dam, New Mexico to the Texas state line. He will discuss the dams' history, problems that arise, EBID's responsibilities, and the effects of this year's storms.

Also on the agenda, Bert Cortez, El Paso Field Division Manager of the United States Bureau of Reclamation, will discuss the effects of the 2006 monsoon on Rio Grande Project reservoir storage and water demands during irrigation season. He will describe water supply projections before the monsoon and updated end-of-year projections taking into account the effects of the monsoon. The Rio Grande Project provides water to users in southern New Mexico; El Paso, Texas; and Mexico.

The Rio Grande Citizens' Forum was established by the USIBWC in 1999 to facilitate the exchange of information regarding Commission activities on the Rio Grande between Percha Dam, New Mexico and Fort Quitman, Texas. It is designed to bring together community members, enabling the early and continued two-way flow of information, concerns, values, and needs between USIBWC and the general public, environmentalists, irrigation districts, municipalities, and others interested in the river. Members of the Rio Grande Citizens' Forum Board, who serve as unpaid volunteers, represent a variety of interests along the Rio Grande in west Texas and southern New Mexico.

The meeting agenda appears below.

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**RIO GRANDE CITIZENS' FORUM**  
**Wednesday, November 8, 2006**  
**6:30 - 8:30 P.M.**  
**Best Western Mesilla Valley Inn, Pinta Conference Room**  
**901 Avenida de Mesilla,**  
**Las Cruces, NM**

**Agenda**

- Welcome and Introductions - Michael Fahy, Citizens' Forum Co-Chair
- Flood Control Dams Maintained by Elephant Butte Irrigation District - Henry Magallanez, Elephant Butte Irrigation District, District Engineer
- Effect of the 2006 Monsoon on Rio Grande Project Reservoirs - Bert Cortez, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, El Paso Field Division Manager
- Recognition of Citizens' Forum Board Members - USIBWC
- Public Comments
- Board Discussion, Suggested Future Agenda Items

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